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SUBJECT: WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING

1. PRESIDENTIAL PROCLAMATION ON THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF
WARSAW GHETTO UPRISING, TEXT AS RECEIVED FROM WHITE HOUSE.

2. " THIRTY YEARS AGO A REMNANT OF DETERMINED POLISH JEWS
LAUNCHED A RESISTANCE OF DESPERATION IN THE WARSAW
GHETTO. ALL WHO TOOK PART KNEW THAT DEATH WOULD BE THE
ALMOST CERTAIN CONSEQUENCE, YET THEY READILY CHOSE THAT
PATH IN THEIR STRUGGLE FOR FREEDOM.

3. AS WE RECALL THE VALOR OF THESE HONORED AND DESPERATE
HEROES, WE ARE MINDFUL THAT THE PRICE OF FREEDOM IS HIGH.
THE DEBT WE OWE THE GALLANT DEFENDERS OF THE WARSAW
GHETTO IS PART OF THE SAME OBLIGATION ALL OF US WHO LIVE
IN FREEDOM OWE TO THOSE WHO REFUSE TO CAPITULATE IN THE
FACE OF INVASION OR VIOLENCE. THE NAMES OF THESE WARSAW
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GHETTO WARRIORS ARE AN INSPIRATION TO FREE MEN EVERYWHERE.

4. NOW, THEREFORE, I, RICHARD NIXON, PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, IN ACCORDANCE WITH HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 303, DO HEREBY DESIGNATE THE TWENTY- NINTH DAY OF APRIL 1973 TO MARK THE THIRTIETH ANNIVERSARY OF THE UPRISING AGAINST THE NAZI OCCUPATION FORCES BY THE

BELEAGURED AND OUTNUMBERED JEWS OF THE WARSAW GHETTO WHO, BY THEIR HEROIC DEEDS, REAFFIRMED THE DETERMINATION OF THE OPPRESSED TO FIGHT FOR FREEDOM AND DIGNITY AND THERE- BY HELPED KEEP ALIVE THE SPIRIT OF LIBERTY.

5. IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I HAVE HEREUNTO SET MY HAND THIS TWENTY- FIRST DAY OF APRIL, IN THE YEAR OF OUR LORD NINE- TEEN HUNDRED SEVENTY- THREE, AND OF THE INDEPENDENCE OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA THE ONE HUNDRED NINETY- SEVENTH." ROGERS

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